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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON APRIL 8 MEETING (SALT TWO -599)

1. AT TODAY'S MEETING I MADE A FULL AND CAREFUL EXPOSITION OF OUR POSITION ON THE NECESSITY OF DEFINING A HEAVY ICBM, THE IMPORTANCE OF WHICH I EMPHASIZED IN MY SUBSEQUENT PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH SEMENOV. HIS STATEMENT WAS A PEDESTRIAN PERFORMANCE ON ARTICLE XVIII OF THEIR DRAFT (FURTHER LIMITATIONS AND POSSIBLE REDUCTIONS). IN OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATION, HE CAREFULLY AVOIDED ALL DISCUSSION OF ANY SUBSTANCE WHATEVER.

2. IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH MAY, SHCHUKIN TOOK INITIATIVE AGAIN TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF WHETHER WE WOULD FIND IT HELPFUL IN MIRV VERIFICATION FOR THE SOVIET SIDE TO DESIGNATE THREE KINDS OF COMPLEXES AT WHICH ICBMS ARE DEPLOYED--THAT IS, COMPLEXES AT WHICH ONLY "OLD" MISSILES WERE DEPLOYED, COMPLEXES AT WHICH MODERN MISSILES WITH SINGLE WARHEADS WERE DEPLOYED, AND COMPLEXES AT WHICH MISSILES EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS WERE DEPLOYED. SHCHUKIN SAID THAT THIS WAS AN "ANONYMOUS" IDEA --THAT IS, NOT A PROPOSAL FROM EITHER SIDE. HE DID NOT KNOW

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HOW HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD REACT TO IT, AND MAY SAID THAT HE

WAS IN A CORRESPONDING POSITION BUT HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN WHAT SHCHUKIN HAD TO SAY. IN RESPONSE TO SHCHUKIN'S QUESTION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT IT WOULD BE SUFFICIENT FOR ICBM MIRV VERIFICATION, MAY GAVE NO REPLAY. MATTER WAS LEFT THAT BOTH OF THEM WOULD "DISCUSS WITH OTHERS" AND RETURN TO SUBJECT AT LATER DATE.

3. IN RESPONSE TO MAY'S BRINGING UP SLBM-CLASS QUESTION, SHCHUKIN SAID THAT HE FELT THAT SLBM MIRV QUESTION WOULD BE EASIER THAN ICBM MIRVS, IMPLYING THAT NO SLBM COULD BE TESTED IN BOTH A MIRVED AND UNMIRVED MODE.

4. IN DISCUSSING AGENDA FOR WORKING GROUP MEETING TOMORROW SHCHUKIN SAID IT WAS STILL HIS VIEW THAT TESTING WAS ENCOMPASSED IN NON-CONCELLMENT OBLIGATION OF ARTICLE X.4 BUT THAT, BECAUSE WE HAD RELATED TESTING TO MIRV DEFINITION, HE INDICATED THERE WAS GREAT SENSITIVITY ON SOVIET SIDE TO THIS ISSUE.

5. IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH MENDELSON, SALTYKOV CLEARLY AND EXPLICITLY STATED THAT IT WAS SOVIET UNDERSTANDING THAT THE 10-15PERCENT LIMITATION ON SILO ENLARGEMENT APPLIED TO BOTH DIMENSIONS--THAT IS, BOTH DIAMETER AND LENGTH COULD BE INCREASED AT SAME TIME BY 15 PERCENT.

6. NEXT MEETING FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 11, SOVIET MISSION.

7. THERE WILL BE NO HIGHLIGHTS CABLE TODAY'S MEETING.  
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